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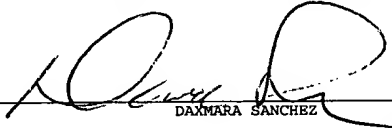
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) Group Art Unit: 2172

) Examiner: PHAM, HUNG Q.

) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
) REQUIREMENT

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231 ON <u>MARCH 21, 2003.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARSH FISCHMANN & BREYFOGLE LLP</p> <p>BY:  DAXMARIA SANCHEZ</p>
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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action having a mailing date of February 25, 2003, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner contends that Claims 1-9 (Group I), Claims 10-19 (Group II) and Claims 20-26 (Group III) are distinct inventions.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Claims 1-9 (Group I) in the present application. However, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue Claims 10-26 in one or more subsequent divisional/continuation applications.

Although the Applicant believes that no fees are due for filing this Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Respectfully submitted,

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